

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace any/all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application, where additions are shown in underlined text and deletions are shown in strike-out text:

1. (Currently Amended) Diagonally twisted sole comprising ~~an~~ a soft undersole and a midsole with a midsole bottom, the midsole bottom being connected to the soft undersole, ~~and various hard inserts being introduced into the undersole,~~ and the soft undersole being closed off by a hard and abrasion-resistant sole bottom, wherein a twisted plate is built into the sole and forms, together with the undersole, ~~a midsole~~ an intermediate sole.
2. (Currently Amended) Diagonally twisted sole according to Claim 1, wherein the ~~midsole~~ intermediate sole comprises several parts.
3. (Previously Presented) Diagonally twisted sole according to Claim 1, wherein the twisted plate is connected to the sole bottom, such that the sole bottom has the same twisted form as the twisted plate.
4. (Previously Presented) Diagonally twisted sole according to Claim 1, wherein the twisted plate is connected to the midsole bottom, such that the midsole bottom has the same twisted form as the twisted plate.

5. (Previously Presented) Diagonally twisted sole according to Claim 1, wherein the twisted plate has different thicknesses at different places.

6. (Currently Amended) Diagonally twisted sole according to Claim 1, wherein, in a heel area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the sole bottom, the undersole forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, ~~an inwardly~~ a thickening wedge towards the medial side, and, in a toe area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the sole bottom, the undersole forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, ~~an outwardly~~ a thickening wedge towards the lateral side, and the wedge-shaped configuration from the heel area to the toe area merges with a defined profile from one form into the other.

7. (Currently Amended) Diagonally twisted sole according to Claim 1, wherein, in a heel area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the sole bottom, the undersole forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, ~~an outwardly~~ a thickening wedge towards the lateral side, and, in a toe area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the sole bottom, the undersole forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, ~~an inwardly~~ a thickening wedge towards the medial side, and the wedge-shaped configuration from the heel area to the toe area merges with a defined profile from one form to the other.

8. (Currently Amended) Diagonally twisted sole according to Claim 2, wherein, in a heel area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the sole bottom, the undersole forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, ~~an inwardly~~ a thickening wedge towards the medial side, and, in a toe area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the

sole bottom, the undersole forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, ~~an~~
~~outwardly~~ a thickening wedge towards the lateral side, and the wedge-shaped configuration
from the heel area to the toe area merges with a defined profile from one form into the other.

9. (Currently Amended) Diagonally twisted sole according to Claim 5, wherein, in a
heel area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the sole bottom, the undersole forms,
transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, ~~an inwardly~~ a thickening wedge
towards the medial side, and, in a toe area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the
sole bottom, the undersole forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, ~~an~~
~~outwardly~~ a thickening wedge towards the lateral side, and the wedge-shaped configuration
from the heel area to the toe area merges with a defined profile from one form into the other.

10. (Currently Amended) Diagonally twisted sole according to Claim 2, wherein, in a
heel area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the sole bottom, the undersole forms,
transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, ~~an outwardly~~ a thickening wedge
towards the lateral side, and, in a toe area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the
sole bottom, the undersole forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, ~~an~~
~~inwardly~~ a thickening wedge towards the medial side, and the wedge-shaped configuration
from the heel area to the toe area merges with a defined profile from one form to the other.

11. (Currently Amended) Diagonally twisted sole according to Claim 5, wherein, in a
heel area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the sole bottom, the undersole forms,
transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, ~~an outwardly~~ a thickening wedge

towards the lateral side, and, in a toe area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the sole bottom, the undersole forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, ~~an~~ inwardly a thickening wedge towards the medial side, and the wedge-shaped configuration from the heel area to the toe area merges with a defined profile from one form to the other.

12. (New) A shoe comprising a diagonally twisted sole according to claim 1.